

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 of WO 2005/000347 as follows:

The degree of de-O-acetylation ~~[[is]]~~ achieved by this process is complete, as measured by H-NMR spectroscopy. In some embodiments, the degree of de-O-acetylation is at least 80%. Optionally, the de-O-acetylated polysaccharide may be subjected to acid hydrolysis. This step is used to break down the large molecular polysaccharide into fragments of smaller ~~[[Mw]]~~M<sub>w</sub>, providing more individual group Y meningococcal polysaccharide epitope presenting molecules per gram of starting material.